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Pickens Water and Sewer System Completed—Water Turned On

The waterworks and sewerage system for the town of Pickens has been completed and the water was turned on Saturday. Many business houses and residences are already connected with the systems and are now enjoying the conveniences, while others are being connected as fast as plumbers can do the work.

Pickens now enjoys as good waterworks plant as any town its size in the state. The total cost of the plant was \$57,500 and it is larger and more complete than the one first contracted for at this price, due to the fact that some of the material used was purchased much cheaper than it was thought possible when the contract was let.

It appears that the plant was installed at just the right time to get a maximum amount of labor and material for the money expended. Two years ago the plant Pickens now has would have cost over \$80,000 and today it would cost about \$62,000.

Pickens now has an adequate supply of the purest of water for drinking, fighting fire and other purposes.

The tank or "standpipe," which is located just behind the Keowee Pharmacy holds 75,000 gallons of water, and the concrete reservoir holds 34,000 gallons, which gives a total of 109,000 gallons of filtered water on hand at all times. The big reservoir or settling basin holds about 1,000,000 gallons of water.

The filters and pumping station are of the most modern type, and the filters and pumping machinery are housed in a substantial brick structure. The engine is gasoline driven, 15-horsepower and the very latest model. Two hundred gallons of water a minute can be pumped from the station into the tank up town.

The water goes from the station to the tank in an 8-inch pipe, and the main streets of the town are supplied with 6-inch pipes, while the short side streets are served by 1 1/4 inch pipes. It is stated that every house in Pickens can be served by the water plant and have fire protection and all except one can connect with the sewer system. It is doubtful if another town within the state has been able to serve its inhabitants so well at the first installation of the waterworks system.

The Pickens plant was installed by the J. B. McCrary Construction Co. of Atlanta, under the personal supervision of Mr. G. E. McFarland, who has made many friends here by his conscientious work and gentlemanly bearing. Work was first begun on the plant last summer.

Representing the town of Pickens during negotiations and installation of the plant was the public works commission composed of John C. Carey, chairman; Frank McFall, Dr. J. L. Valley and G. G. Christopher, clerk. These public spirited citizens have given much time and thought to the work and deserve the thanks of all citizens for past performance and cooperation in future work.

The water rate at first will be \$2.00 a month minimum for privilege of using 4,000 gallons of water and 25c for each additional 1000 gallons. Bills may be settled at either of the local banks and must be paid by 5th of each month. No collector will be used. As soon as the number of users of water becomes large enough to justify it a reduction in the water rate will be made.

Mr. Claude L. Hester has been elected superintendent of the water plant. Mayor Cureton and the town council have purchased suitable and adequate firefighting equipment and a volunteer fire company will be organized. As soon as this company is organized and drilled the fire insurance rates in Pickens will be lowered. The money to install the waterworks and sewerage system was derived from a bond issue which was voted unanimously.

Pickens—Gem of the Foothills—is forging to the front.

REST ROOM FOR LADIES

The rest room recently installed by Folger, Hendricks & Co. in the second story of their store building in Pickens is complete and ready for use. All ladies of Pickens and surrounding community are invited to make use of the rest room and its facilities whenever they like.

The rest room is attractively furnished with chairs, rugs, mirrors, pictures, etc., and is equipped with lavatory and water closet, all of which are placed at the disposal of the ladies. A cradle is also supplied for ladies with babies.

Folger, Hendricks & Co. have spent several hundred dollars in fixing up this room for the free use and convenience of the ladies. It is a thing which has been long needed in Pickens and this progressive firm is to be congratulated for their public-spirited policy. Ladies may show their appreciation of the room by using it.

PICKENS COUNTY FIELD DAY.

Schools Will Hold Field Day In Pickens April 8.

For the first time in the history of the schools of Pickens county a County Field Day will be held at Pickens, on April 8th. Much interest is being shown in this undertaking, and the day bids fair to be a great success. From the standpoint of a crowd, it will be a greater day than June 3rd. Every school in the county will be represented, with practically every school child and parent present.

It has been planned that the day will begin with a grand parade through town by the different schools. Each school will be easily recognized by its banners, pennants, song and yells. At noon dinner will be spread on the court house square. Everybody is urged to bring a well filled basket.

The forenoon will be devoted to literary contests, and in the afternoon to athletic contests. The following is a program:

FORENOON PROGRAM.

Class A Schools. (High Schools)

1. Spelling contest for first seven grades.

2. Grammar contest for last four grades.

3. Arithmetic contest for all grades. Two contestants allowed from each school in each contest.

Class B Schools. (4-5-6 Teacher Schools.)

1. Spelling contest for all grades.

2. Grammar contest for all grades.

3. Arithmetic contest for all grades. Two contestants allowed from each school in each contest.

Class C Schools. (1-2-3 Teacher Schools.)

1. Spelling contest for all grades.

2. Reading contest for first four grades.

3. Arithmetic contest for all grades. Two contestants allowed from each school in each contest.

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

Class A Schools. (High Schools)

1. 100-yard dash.

2. 120-yard low hurdle dash.

Two contestants from each school in each event.

Class B Schools. (4-5-6 Teacher Schools.)

1. Sack race for boys.

2. Sack race for girls.

Two contestants allowed from each school in each event.

Class C Schools. (1-2-3 Teacher Schools.)

1. Potato race for first four grades.

2. Wheelbarrow race for all grades.

Two contestants allowed from each school in each event.

First place winners will receive a beautiful gold medal to be given by the business men of the town of Pickens; also five (5) points for their school.

Second place winner will receive a red ribbon; also three (3) points for their school.

Third place winner will receive a white ribbon; also one (1) point for their school.

Grand Prize for Class A Schools—Encyclopedia.

Grand Prize for Class B Schools—Supplementary Readers.

Grand Prize for Class C Schools—Set of Wall Maps and Globe.

Detailed information is being mailed out to each teacher in the county.

MRS. NANNIE GIBSON

On February 11 the spirit of Mrs. Nannie Nelson Gibson of Westminster burst the prison bars of death and winged its way to mansions of rest there to live with Jesus and loved ones gone before. Mrs. Gibson was a daughter of the late Rev. T. F. Nelson of Pickens county. She was 38 years of age and had been sick a long time. She was given all physical aid that could be summoned, but none was sufficient to stay the hand of death. Mrs. Gibson was a faithful christian and always cheerful. As we go down the journey of life think not of her as dead but standing on the other side of the river waiting for us to come. She leaves a husband and four children, three brothers and three sisters and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her departure. Live with hope of meeting this good woman who we know by her life is not dead but sleeping. You are not forgotten, Nannie, nor will you ever be as long as life and memory last. V. I. N.

FROM GAP HILL

Preaching day at Gap Hill has been changed from third Sunday to fourth Sunday.

Miss Grace Bruckey gave a singing at her home Sunday afternoon and it was enjoyed by all present.

Misses Ida Stone and Bessie Stephens spent Sunday with Miss Floye Ferguson.

Mr. E. A. Dillard visited relatives in Greenville last week.

Lonsome Kids.

FOR STATE TREASURER

O. T. Hinton of Pickens May Make the Race.

Pickens county will likely furnish a candidate this year for state treasurer.

Mr. Olar T. Hinton, at present treasurer of Pickens county, is seriously considering making the race for state treasurer. In fact, since it became known that he is considering making the race he has received so much encouragement and promises of support that he has almost definitely decided to toss his hat into the ring.

Should Mr. Hinton run for state treasurer he would undoubtedly make a strong race. Prominent men of this section who ought to know say he could be elected. He has been offered the strongest kind of support from several sections.

So far no candidate has announced for state treasurer. Treasurer Carter, who has held the office some twelve or fourteen years, will likely retire this year to private life, of his own choice or otherwise, and will probably be succeeded by some man from the Piedmont section of the state.

Mr. Hinton would make an ideal state treasurer. He is thoroughly capable and a christian gentleman of the highest type.

It has been a long time since a Pickens county man offered for a state office and should Mr. Hinton decide to make the race Pickens county would stand more than an even chance of furnishing the next state treasurer.

CLEMSON GETS MEET

Piedmont Oratorical and Athletic Contests Be Held in April.

Departing from the usual custom in two ways it was decided Saturday at an executive committee meeting of the Piedmont Athletic and Oratorical Association held in the Greenville High School building, to hold the annual track meet and oratorical contest at Clemson College instead of at Furman, where it has been the custom to hold these contests in the past and to stage a girl's reading contest which in all probability will be held in Greenville.

The invitation from Clemson was presented by Prof. J. C. Littlejohn and on behalf of the institution he assured the committeemen that the meet would be handled in an efficient manner.

April 15 was set as a tentative date for the track meet while the night of April 14 was chosen for the oratorical contest.

It was decided to frame a new constitution for the association and the following committee was appointed to act in this capacity.

Prof. J. V. McElveen, of Easley; Prof. J. F. Love, of Westminster and Prof. L. N. Foy, of Liberty.

State rules will govern the selection of the declamations and readings and time limits of the oratorical contest.

Nine high schools were represented in the meeting by the following men: Greenville, Prof. W. F. Warren; Honea Path, Prof. L. L. Wright; Easley, Prof. J. V. McElveen; Calhoun-Clemson, Miss Morrison; Westminster, Prof. J. F. Love; Central, Prof. G. E. Welborn; Seneca, Prof. J. B. Dominick; Gaffney, Prof. W. G. Taylor; Liberty, Prof. L. N. Foy and Laurens by Mr. Foy.

The Sentinel regrets that the Pickens high school was not represented at the meeting in Greenville. When the Pickens school did belong to the association she always stood well in both the oratorical and athletic contests and the school received much benefit from it. It will be remembered that the first time Pickens entered the state track meet she brought home the championship. What's the matter with Pickens now?

GETS BIG CONTRACT

The Pickens Cabinet Works is one of the busiest plants in the country these days. The plant does a lot of work for people outside of Pickens and last week it was awarded the contract for all the mill work in the new automobile building of the Penny-Busick Co. at Greenville. This means that all doors, window framing, moulding, trimmings, etc., for the building will be manufactured in Pickens. This new automobile building is said to be one of the finest in the South and the contract secured by the local concern is of considerable size. It was secured in competition with many other concerns.

MARRIAGE

Mr. Samuel Hopkins and Miss Sallie Manly were married February 26; M. F. Hester, N. P., performing the ceremony at his residence in Pickens. Mr. Hopkins is foreman on Mr. Ross O'Dell's farm and the bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Manly of near Easley.

PREACHING PRATERS CREEK. Floyd Looper, a student of Six Mile Baptist academy, will preach at Praters Creek school house next Sunday afternoon. Everybody invited.

CENTRAL NEWS ITEMS.

Central Also Wants The New Railroad—Locals and Personals.

Misses Betty Gaines and Helen Clayton spent the week end at Clinton with Mr. and Mrs. Pringle Copeland. They report a high time.

Miss Hawk, the beauty specialist, has left for her home after spending a week at the Carolina Drug Co., beautifying the ladies. Miss Hawk had an excellent business while here. She is traveling for the United Drug Co. of Boston. The Carolina Drug Co. wishes to thank the people for their excellent patronage.

There was a singing convention at the First Baptist church here last Sunday afternoon. They report a fine time and some good singing.

Rev. J. W. Guy of Lexington will begin a meeting on Tuesday night of this week instead of last Sunday night as was reported in this paper last week. Don't fail to hear this man if you enjoy good preaching.

Rev. Eugene Pendleton filled his pulpit at the First Baptist church here last Sunday. He preached a stirring sermon, and all of the people of Central are always glad to see Dr. Pendleton.

Rev. W. S. Goodwin filled his pulpit at the Methodist church here last Sunday after having been shut in for several weeks.

L. H. Bolding, H. E. Seaborn, Julius Martin and W. E. Hyde are attending court this week. They are some of the Gentlemen of the Jury.

Mr. D. Reese has been very ill for several days, but he is improving now, for which his many friends are glad.

Mr. J. G. Powers, one of the oldest citizens of this community, is attending court this week. Mr. Powers is a witness in the Walter James case.

Hon. B. J. Johnston, one of Central's most substantial citizens, is very ill at this writing. Mr. Johnston has many friends in Pickens county who will be glad to see him get out again.

We notice in the article on the new railroad for Pickens county that one important item was left out. They said that the new road would either go to Pickens, Calhoun or Walhalla, and we wondered why they did not say Central. Central has the advantage of them all as for that, but we would not fight very stout against Pickens. But if it don't go to Pickens our hat is in the ring. The company would have a ridge all the way on which to construct the road. They would go thru some of the best part of Pickens county. We say come down by Six Mile, and we have no doubt but that much of the lumber would be unloaded there, for should they get a railroad they would go to building like a city. The company could not tap the Southern railroad at a more ideal place than Central, for the Southern has several acres of land here that could be leased for a long time, no doubt, and it would be an ideal place to build a big lumber shed. So we say to the company, "Don't do anything for sure until you see us at Central."

TO THE WORK

Card From President of County Sunday School Convention.

To the Superintendents, county officers, and all lovers of Sunday school, we take this method of appealing to you.

It is now time to begin to plan our district conventions so we can have all four of them before the State convention. We are aware of the fact that it will take some work to have a good convention, but it takes work to have anything worth while. It took work to put over the big campaign of the Billy Sunday meeting at Spartanburg, but they put it over and today Spartanburg is a better town, not only Spartanburg, but the whole Piedmont section. Pickens county Sunday schools are what we make them. We believe with a long, strong pull from every one that we can close the year with much improved Sunday schools.

There are some things essential to the success of the work. First, we want to enlist the aid of all the superintendents. Begin now to talk your district convention. We want all of the Sunday school teachers to come to our aid in this spring's program. Second, we want the parents of Pickens county to pray, plan and work for the success of the Sunday school work in the county; it may mean all to your boy or girl. Third, we want to enlist all the young, red blooded people we can. Young man, young lady, there is no better start you can make than to begin work in the Sunday school.

We want suggestions from any Sunday school lovers of Pickens county, as to the great need of the Sunday schools of the county. We want you to express yourself as to the things that you think need to be discussed in the convention. In this way we will be able to give you first aid.

Write me within the next few days, and I will file your suggestions, and pass them on to your district to aid them in making up their program. Don't wait; do it now. We hope to get letters from all over the county. Yours for better Sunday schools, E. L. Henderson, Co. President.

Central, S. C.

Court In Session and Will Last All Week---Many In Attendance

PLAYGROUND AT JOCASSEE

Mr. Brown Plans Big Development for Jocassee Valley.

A dispatch from Walhalla says:—For a number of months, W. M. Brown, one of the most progressive and enterprising business men of Oconee County, and former Mayor of Walhalla, has been working upon extensive plans for the development of a summer playground and recreation center on his vast holdings in Jocassee Valley, about twenty miles above Walhalla, and to-day gave out the following interesting facts in reference to his project:

Mr. Brown believes that in this section was once the hunting ground of the Red Men and that it should be the playground of his pale face successors, and that it would be if ample provisions were made for it. Therefore, he is planning the development and equipment of a colony of summer camps for boys and girls, to be known as the Jocassee Camps for boys and girls. The plans call for the development of four distinct camps, one for Junior girls, one for Junior boys and the other for Senior boys. The nucleus of these camps will be the old Whitewater Inn, which is being thoroughly overhauled and repaired and equipped with an up to date water, lights and sewerage system.

In this building will be located the central kitchen and large assembly hall, and accommodations for about one hundred and fifty girls.

The camp for Junior boys will be located nearby and dieted from the central kitchen. The camp for Senior boys will be located some distance away, and will have its own equipment, consisting of large dining and assembly halls, permanent wooden barracks and a commodious athletic field.

Accommodations will be completed this year for at least two hundred boys and girls. The camps will be opened June 1st to October 1st, and it is expected that during this time several hundred young people will have come and played and climbed, swam, fished, dreamed and loved, and gone back to their more civilized and conventional mode of life, stronger and better equipped for the battles of life.

Mr. Brown has associated with him in the undertaking a group of men and women who are experts in this line of work and who are thoroughly capable of conducting it to the most successful end. The ideal of the most successful type of summer camp is not simply for pleasure and recreation, but a thoroughly organized and systematic effort to capitalize the play instinct, the love of nature, and the call of the wild, and turn them into good accounts in developing both character and physique.

The plan also provides for the accommodation of the parents of the boys and girls and other persons who may wish to visit Jocassee during the summer, in a commodious Lodge or Hostess House, which will be provided and conducted under competent management.

It is Mr. Brown's ambition to furnish the equipment and facilities for making this north-western corner of Oconee the natural playground of the actual playground of the state, and anyone who has ever been to Jocassee will confess that no more ideal location could be found. At the point where the Toxaway and Whitewater unite to form the crystal waters of the Keowee where the mountains rear their heads towards the sky, as if it were beckoning the people of the whole state to come hither and play with them, what more ideal location would be necessary?

Mr. Brown is not a man that turns back from or falls in any task that he has begun, and the people of Oconee are looking forward to the Jocassee Camp for Boys and Girls being a reality June 1st, and that children from all points within the state, and other states, too, will take advantage of this opportunity to visit the natural playground that Nature and man has provided for them.

TWELVE MILE NOTES

(Intended for last week)

Health is not very good around here just now.

The farmers are ready to begin plowing again, but we are having too much rain for it. We are going to try to get ahead of the boll weevil.

Miss Lizzie Parsons visited Miss Ollie Ward one night last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Porter visited Mr. and Mrs. Forest Porter Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Grant visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hudson Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hudson visited their grandparents at Six Mile last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Hudson have returned to their home in Greenville after visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hudson. Blue Bird.

If you know a news item, tell 'th Sentinel about it.

The February term of court for Pickens county convened Monday morning with Judge Gary presiding. Solicitor Smoak was on hand and being assisted by Mr. Guy Gullick, a young lawyer of Greenville. An unusually large number of indictments were turned over to the grand jury. The court room lost no time in getting to work, as indications are that it will be in session the entire week. Large crowds are attending court.

The first case tried was The State vs. Joe Davis and Henry Martin, white, who were captured near Easley with an automobile load of whiskey. The defendants failed to appear for trial and they were convicted in their absence and given a sealed sentence.

John (Crip) Hughes, white, was charged with breaking into the Easley school building and stealing some carpenter tools. He was found guilty of stealing and sentenced to serve one year.

Jess Haynes, an 18-year-old white boy of Liberty, pleaded guilty of violating the prohibition law and was given a sentence of six months and \$300; upon payment of \$100 and serving three months balance of sentence suspended during good behavior.

Homer Ferguson, a negro of the Mt. Carmel section, pleaded guilty of violating the prohibition law. It was his first offense and he was sentenced to serve five months; upon payment of \$50 and serving 30 days balance of sentence suspended during good behavior.

The Anderson county negroes charged with running over and killing a child in the Easley mill village were not tried, as one of the defendants has small pox. Case continued to next court.

Jess Keith and Grover Terrell, colored, were arraigned Tuesday charged with assault and battery with intent to kill. Keith pleaded guilty and was sentenced to serve eighteen months on the gang. Terrell was acquitted. The case grew out of a fight at a dance two or three miles above Pickens about a month ago at which time Bub Hagood, colored, was considerably carved up with a razor.

The case against Ross Powell, young white man charged with killing his wife, is scheduled to begin Wednesday.

Criminal court will convene thru out this week and it is expected that civil court will last thru out next week.

AMBLER NEWS

Mr. T. A. Bowen, county farm demonstration agent, accompanied by Mr. B. O. Williams, visited Ambler school last Thursday. They gave a very interesting talk on agriculture. We believe they will be successful in organizing a central club at this place. It being remembered that one of the club boys from this place won a short course scholarship to Clemson.

Mrs. D. M. Carey, principal of Ambler, spent last week end in Greenville.

Mrs. James W. Hendricks and daughter Lacie spent one day last week at the home of Mr. Richard Hayes.

The students of Ambler school gave a very interesting program on last Friday in honor of Washington's birthday, which was on Wednesday. The exercises were postponed until Friday on account of sickness. The colors, red, white and blue were carried out very beautifully.

Mrs. Janie Welborn, one of the teachers at Ambler, spent last week end at the home of her father near Oolenoy.

Mr. A. C. Smith, who has been very sick, is improving to the delight of his many friends.

MT. CARMEL DOTS.

On account of the continued wet weather farm work is practically at a stand still.

The old farmers have the "blues" so bad they don't seem to know what to try to do any way. Everything seems to want him to take all the chances on making a crop. All kinds of business seems to have got afraid of the old "Clodhopper" who has always fed the world, but if he fails where will we be?

Rev. B. G. Field of Greenville met his regular appointment Saturday afternoon and Sunday at Mt. Carmel, preaching able sermons to large congregations. He also preaches on the second Sunday at 3 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to these services.

The many friends of uncle Joe Looper will regret to know that he is very ill at present, but hope for him a speedy recovery.

W. W. Latham, who accompanied the remains of his brother Robt. from El Paso, Texas, to this place, returned to his home in Denver, Col., last week. This large family have the deepest sympathy of many friends in this first death in the immediate family.